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CNN

Spring breaks are starting up across the country, which means it's the beginning of road trip season.

In "Travels with Charley: In Search of America," one of literature's most famous road trips, John Steinbeck wrote, "We find after years of struggle that we do not take a trip; a trip takes us."

In the spirit of Steinbeck's philosophy on travel, we encourage you to take a road trip with no planning whatsoever, so that the journey can unfold without the interference of plans or expectation. Here are a few apps you can download on your phone that will allow you to go on a trip at a moment's notice, with nothing more than a bag of clothes, a full tank of gas and a healthy dose of wanderlust.

You (still) can't say that on TV?



Stephen Markley

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It should come as no surprise that as a happy proponent of vulgarity, I don't think there's much point in TV, radio, newspapers and other media censoring language.

Let's focus on a specific case: the word to which my parents referred when I was very young as "the S-H word," always warning me not to say it before

promptly applying it in all manner of situations, from describing the head of my mother's boss to my father's reaction when I yanked the banister out of the wall while playing "Back to the Future."

This specific word has gained a measure of mainstream respect lately, all but working itself into the title of William Shatner sitcoms and Internet memes that media must then report on as "Stuff White Girls Say." (Spoiler alert: It's mostly about "The Bachelor" and/or pretending to not know about "The Bachelor.")

This begs the question of why we still purport to call this a "bad" word. First of all, vulgarity is good for art. It's good for creativity. The poet Carl Sandburg once said that slang is "a language that rolls up its sleeves, spits on its hands and goes to work." Therefore, it's bizarre that the collective wisdom of mainstream media still believes that if you bleep a word or use an absurd "\$%!" stand-in, somehow that raises the discourse rather than making everyone feel silly.

Secondly, language has only the power with which we imbue it. A century ago, religious blasphemy and words such as "damn" were con-

sidered the height of profanity, but obviously we barely register those examples consciously today. In 100 years I find it unlikely anyone will think twice about this word, and people's agitation will arise from some as-yet-unknown slur, which future namby-pambys will deem vulgar—perhaps even "namby-pamby."

Take the example of presidential candidate Rick Santorum, whose name—thank you, Dan Savage—will continue to hold its lunch-losing definition long after he vanishes from the national scene. There is no reason to fear the word "plonder" right now, but if I were to launch an intensive campaign to define "plonder" as a "monkey placenta one hollows out to lose his virginity to," you can bet the Tribune Company and its affiliated papers would no longer be able to include it in print.

We descriptivists understand that language is fluid and that even the worst of today's vulgarity could turn up as tomorrow's "Gee willikers, fellas, this rhubarb ain't even ripe yet!"

(For some reason, all my fantasies of the future involve gangs of "fellas" picking rhubarb.)

Finally and most importantly, I've always found it totally counterintuitive that we hardly blink an eye at all kinds of societal vulgarity yet are so firmly wedded to our outdated ideas of supposed indecency. God forbid a kid sees a boob on TV or hears a slang description of feces while

political leaders lie us into multibillion-dollar wars, financiers set the economy ablaze, fossil fuel industries fund anti-scientific propaganda campaigns while the world burns, and cults of old white men tell women what they can't do with their reproductive organs.

These are perfect examples of society's actual vulgarity, and frankly, all of those namby-pambys—they can eat my plonder.

REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR STEPHEN MARKLEY IS THE AUTHOR OF "PUBLISH THIS BOOK." REDEYETCHICAGO.COM/MARKLEY



GETTY IMAGES

YOU'RE GETTING WARMER...

While spring doesn't officially kick off until next week, we're just going to go ahead and say it's here. Temps hit near 70 on Tuesday and are expected to set records for the next week. With the unseasonably warm weather, we had to ask our Facebook fans and Twitter followers: Whether you're inside at work or outside with everyone else, what would you ideally be doing today?

FACEBOOK

Shawnie Miller: I'd be home in the yard w/my three dogs, they need to burn off some steam.

Cara Farnsworth: Bike riding on the lakefront trail—ideally—but I'm at work :(

Jason Squires: If I didn't have to work today I'd ride my bike to Hot Doug's and then I'd play with my dog Hannah by the lakefront.

Gene GoodTimes Barrels: Riding my bicycle or at the skate park of course!

Mary Brewster: If I weren't stuck in this office of mine I would be at home with all my windows up dancing to my Katy Perry record!

Dan Landerman: If it's this nice outside and I'm not out in it with a beer in my hand and some meat on the grill then I'm obviously doing it wrong.

TWITTER

@Nighttrain90: getting drunk outside as opposed to drinking indoors.

@Hairy_Who: Strolling thru Jackman Goldwasser Catwalk Gallery and hanging out in the rooftop tomato garden at the Art Center, of course!

@SafiTaffy99: The eye candy for the next four days is going to be AMAZING. Can't wait ;)

@StasiaGirl: mentally preparing myself to leave the house without a coat.

@ItsMobileMan: Golfing, which by association would lead to anger and alcohol abuse.

@KateBender1: laying on a bench on campus between work and class #nohomeless #springinchicago

@divebunny13: I'm standing against social and economic injustice with @OccupyChicago in the Financial District. #ochi



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CORRECTION

Illinois voters do not declare political party affiliations when they register to vote. A Page 4 column on March 7 incorrectly characterized registration statistics.

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HATE CRIMES UNDER THE MICROSCOPE IN CHICAGO

By Leonor Vivanco | REDEYE

"What, are you gay cruising a straight neighborhood?"

That's what the victim heard, according to a police report, before he was attacked just steps away from the intersection of Halsted Street and Belmont Avenue—the hub of Boystown. The assailant punched him several times—three times to the face—and knocked him to the ground, hitting him again before he fled to the street.

"You're not going to look so pretty tomorrow," the assailant said as the victim ran off, according to the report.

That attack in the 700 block of West Briar Place one Sunday in March 2011 resulted in no arrest and was just one of the several hate crimes logged in Chicago throughout 2011. The number of reported hate crimes investigated by Chicago police increased slightly last year as city officials, lawmakers and community organizations continued work locally and nationwide to combat these offenses.

The issue has been thrust back into the spotlight recently. In January, three white teenagers were charged with hate crimes after they allegedly put a noose around a black teen's neck and threatened him in Beverly. Meanwhile, the "It Gets Better" project to prevent bullying of gay youth gained momentum in its second year, and Arkansas saw the nation's first conviction under the recently passed Matthew Shepard and James Byrd Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act.

In Chicago, 51 incidents—five more than in 2010—were reported to police last year as having a possible hate motivation, according to information provided by the Chicago Commission on Human Relations, which assists hate crime victims. Chicago police investigated those incidents and determined that 10 were "bona fide," meaning a criminal act was committed and the motive is believed to be based on an actual or perceived specific characteristic of the victim such as race or sexual orientation. The police classified the remaining incidents as either "unfounded" in which the hate motive was ruled out, or "undetermined" because of insufficient evidence to verify the incident was a hate crime.

Chicago police found no trends explaining the bump in reported incidents but noted community organizations can play a role in increasing awareness and reporting.

"Although the number of hate crimes is not significantly high in Chicago, the effects can reverberate through a community," Chicago police spokeswoman Lt. Maureen Biggane said in an email.

The tally of 10 bona fide hate crimes was sent to the Illinois State Police, who forwarded the data to the FBI for its annual hate crime statistics report. In addition, the Cook County State's Attorney's Office filed a hate crime charge in another case, bringing the 2011 Chicago tally to 11.

WHAT IS A HATE CRIME?

State law makes it a felony to commit a hate crime. It's defined as an assault, battery, aggravated assault, misdemeanor or theft or criminal damage to property, criminal trespass to residence or to vehicle or real property, mob action, disorderly conduct or harassment by electronic communication motivated by actual or perceived race, color, creed, religion, ancestry, sexual orientation, gender, physical or mental disability or national origin of a person or group of people.

such even when reported to local authorities, he said.

"Hate crimes are probably the most under-reported crime in America," Potok said, noting that a 2005 Bureau of Justice Statistics special report found that 55 percent of hate crimes nationwide are not reported to police.

For example, the state hate crime law takes what could be a simple battery, which is a misdemeanor, and elevates the crime to a felony offense if there's evidence that shows it was motivated by hate, said Dan Kirk, chief of staff for the Cook County state's attorney's office.

The office looks for evidence such as derogatory language or slurs said before the crime is committed or after the fact.

"The theory behind hate crime prosecution is there's two victims: the victim in the case and we view the community they come from as a victim as well," Kirk said. "These crimes are particularly egregious because they end up promoting fear in an entire community."

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10 **Date:** 3:42 p.m. July 26
Location: Sidewalk at 1100 block of South Independence Boulevard in Homan Square
Details: A suspect threatened a 46-year-old man with a knife and demanded money from him. The suspect left, returned with pipe and began to choke the man's stepson, who is mentally disabled. The suspect fled, and after he was captured by police he said, "I wanted that Mexican's money because this is my 'hood; they don't live here."
Charges: Chris Jackson, 32, of Chicago, pleaded guilty Jan. 27 and was sentenced to five and a half years in prison for attempted armed robbery and three years for the hate crime to be served concurrently.

THE HATE CRIME FILES

Chicago police reports provided details of the 11 hate crimes committed in the city in 2011. L.V.

SOURCES: CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT, COOK COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, CHICAGO TRIBUNE, COURT RECORDS

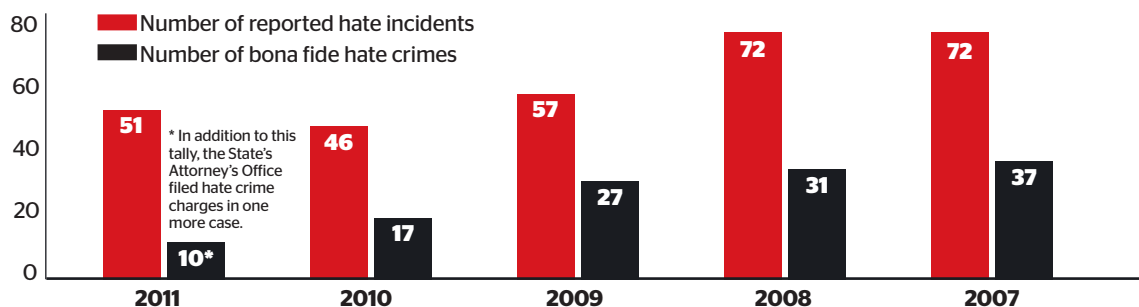
11 **Date:** 4:48 p.m. July 15
Location: Parking lot/garage in the 300 block of West Fullerton Parkway in Lincoln Park
Details: A white man walked up behind a black man, used a racial slur and threatened him. The man also called a witness an anti-gay insult.

1 **Date:** 4:05 a.m. Jan. 16
Location: A parking lot in the 5600 block of South Harlem Avenue in Garfield Ridge
Details: Six white men started a fight after they yelled at three Hispanic men to get out of the neighborhood. One Hispanic man was punched and kicked in the face, head and body while being taunted with racial slurs. When the man's friends tried to intervene, they also were attacked. All three victims had minor injuries.

2 **Date:** 9:20 p.m. March 4
Location: A home in the 3600 block of West 112th Place in Mount Greenwood
Details: A white woman and a black man said a group of white kids threw a cup of ketchup at the home and screamed the N-word.

BY THE NUMBERS

The number of hate crimes reported in Chicago and nationwide spiked in 2001, the year of the 9/11 terrorist attacks in New York. That year saw 215 reported in Chicago, with about half classified as bona fide by police. In the past five years, however, the number of bona fide hate crimes—which Chicago police determined to have been motivated by certain demographics of the victim, such as race or religion—has declined. L.V.



9 **Date:** 4:15 a.m. March 20
Location: An alley in the 700 block of West Briar Place in Lakeview
Details: A man walked past another man who was on his cellphone and suddenly came up behind him and said, "What, are you gay cruising a straight neighborhood?" Then the victim was hit with a closed fist and punched in the face three more times before he fell to the ground, where he was hit three to five more times. He was able to get up and fled to the street. The victim sustained minor injuries.

8 **Date:** 5 p.m. May 31 to 9 a.m. June 1
Location: Residential garage in the 900 block of West Chicago Avenue in Goose Island
Details: A man went to the indoor parking space he owns and saw words including anti-gay language and "You're scum. Die!" in orange paint on the cement floor of the parking spot.

7 **Date:** 7:56 p.m. July 7
Location: Metra Millennium Station at 150 N. Michigan Ave. in the Loop
Details: Three teens blocked the exit from the men's bathroom at the Metra train station and made anti-gay comments toward a 23-year-old suburban man. They followed him and one pulled out a knife, threatened the victim and then aggressively walked toward him. The victim called police.
Charges: An 18-year-old man was acquitted Jan. 19. Mack Heard, 17, of Richton Park, pleaded guilty Nov. 19 and was sentenced to 123 days in jail and two years' probation. A 14-year-old boy also was cited as a juvenile but the case was dropped Aug. 22 in juvenile court.

6 **Date:** 10:09 p.m. Oct. 10
Location: A commercial business in the 1 block of North LaSalle Street in the Loop
Details: The business received an email with anti-Semitic language.

5 **Date:** 4:45 p.m. Feb. 24
Location: On the street in the 8700 block of South Ashland Avenue in Gresham
Details: A young man, whose age wasn't made available in the police report, told police that several students found out he was gay and had been harassing him on social media. He transferred schools, and was walking home when someone approached him and asked if he was gay. He said yes and then was hit in the face and body, fracturing a bone and causing other minor injuries and swelling.

3 **Date:** 7 p.m. Feb. 28
Location: St. Barnabas Church in the 10100 block of South Longwood Drive in Beverly
Details: On the south side of the church, "666" was spray-painted in orange.

4 **Date:** 5:25 p.m. Dec. 23
Location: Home in the 1600 block of West 100th Place in Beverly
Details: A 17-year-old black teen was tackled by three white teens, who used racial epithets and put a noose around his neck. He was able to get up, take the noose off and leave the home. Five to 10 minutes later, one teen put a knife to the victim's neck and threatened to kill him.
Charges: An 18-year-old man was arraigned Feb. 15 and entered a plea of not guilty. His next court date was set for March 26. Two boys, ages 16 and 17, were cited as juveniles and their cases are pending.

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The number of Chicago Police personnel (three investigators and one sergeant) who are assigned to the Civil Rights Unit, which handles reported hate crimes.

“People have to feel safe in order to call and report it. People have to feel like they're going to be treated well and they're going to be treated respectfully, and people need to feel like something will be done about it to make it worth their while.”

—Lisa Gilmore, Center on Halsted director of education and victim advocacy, about reporting hate crimes

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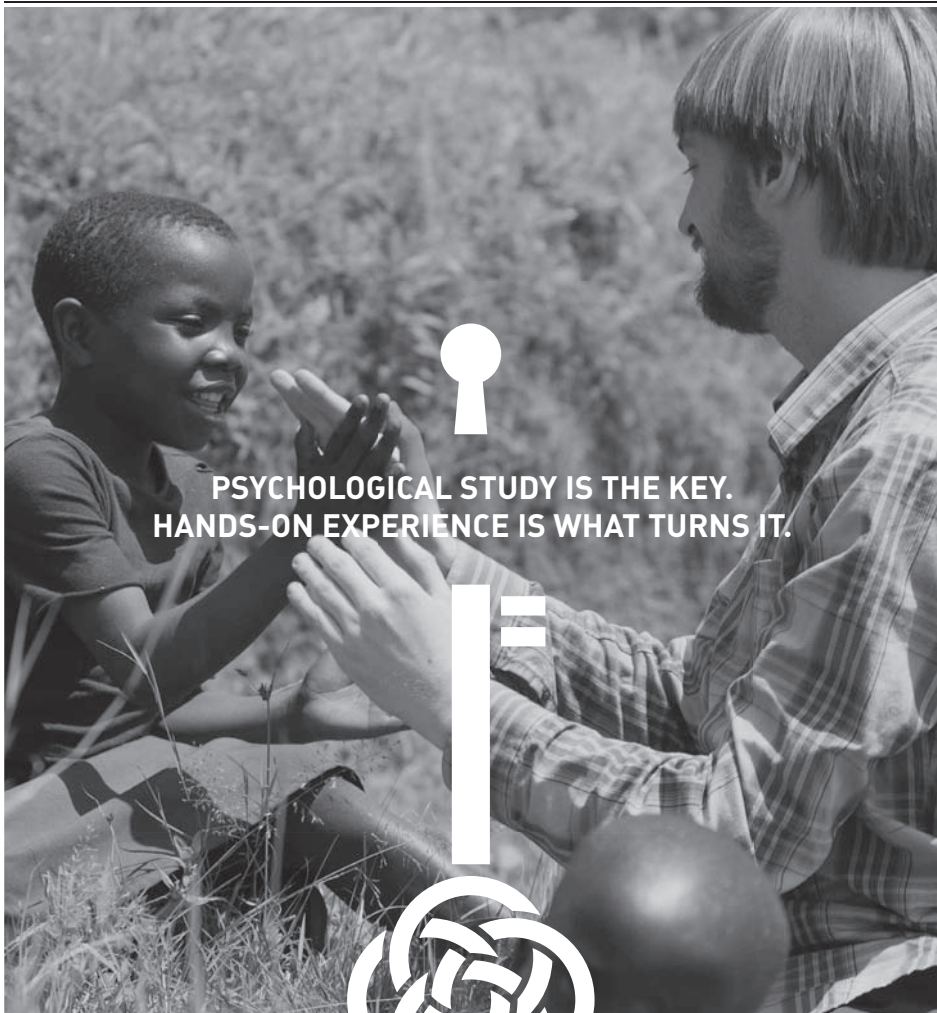
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TWO TEENS CHARGED IN NYE RAPE

Chicago Tribune

Two teenagers were charged Tuesday with sexually assaulting a young Highland Park woman after she became separated from friends outside a Northwest Side theater on New Year's Eve and wandered drunk into a taco restaurant across the street.

Terrance Ford, 15, and Aanwar Barbour, 16, were charged as adults with aggravated criminal sexual assault, kidnapping and robbery and were ordered held on \$750,000 bail each by Cook County Judge Ed Harmening. An arrest warrant has been issued for a third suspect, a police source said.

Ford, a sophomore at Foreman High School, bowed his head in court while still wearing the Homer Simpson pajama bottoms and T-shirt he had on when he was arrested Monday morning. He works part-time selling subscriptions to the Tribune over the phone, his court-appointed attorney said.

Barbour attends Oak Park-River Forest High School and earns B's and C's, his lawyer, Steven Pick, said.

Barbour and Ford have previous juvenile records for minor offenses, prosecutors said.

The 18-year-old victim came to the city with friends for a concert at the Congress Theater in Logan Square, prosecutors said.



The street outside the Congress Theater in Logan Square. An 18-year-old woman was robbed and sexually assaulted in the area on New Year's Eve.

HEATHER CHARLES/TRIBUNE

After she was separated from her friends, she went into a restaurant across the street, where she fell down and sat against a wall.

Ford and Barbour saw that the woman was drunk and brought her to their table, where they were joined by six other people, Assistant State's Attorney Sean O'Callaghan said. A short time later, video surveillance captured them leading the victim out. Ford had told the others he planned to rob the woman and have sex with her, the prosecutor said.

The two brought the woman down a side

street and went through her purse before carrying her to a grass parkway in the 2100 block of North Rockwell, where Ford sexually assaulted her, the charges alleged.

Witnesses told police they saw several individuals standing in a semicircle around Ford and the victim. Ford and Barbour were arrested near the scene, but both later were released, prosecutors said. According to an arrest report, they stole \$70 to \$90 in cash and two rings from the victim.

Multiple witnesses identified Ford and Bar-

bour in police lineups, and DNA from blood found on Ford's boxer shorts was matched to the victim, O'Callaghan said.

Steven Pick, Barbour's attorney, said after court that there was no DNA evidence linking Barbour to the crime and that his client did not make any statements admitting his involvement.

While the victim's family declined interviews Tuesday, her father said after the assault that his daughter was recovering and expressed gratitude for the community's support.



State Rep. Smith leaves the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse after a hearing Tuesday. ABEL URIBE/TRIBUNE

EXPRESS LINES

- » **State Rep. Derrick Smith** of Chicago was arrested Tuesday for allegedly pocketing a \$7,000 cash bribe to write an official letter of support for a day care center that he believed was seeking a state grant.
- » **Bulls star Derrick Rose** was involved in a minor fender bender Tuesday when the car he was driving was rear-ended on the Kennedy Expressway, Illinois State police officials said. He refused medical treatment.
- » Police were seeking two robbers who slugged a man and stole his iPhone late Monday night in a Loop subway tunnel, the second robbery there in as many days.
- » Work is set to begin Monday to replace the 72-year-old Fullerton Avenue bridge over the Lincoln Park Lagoon, city officials said Tuesday. **TRIBUNE**

HOT TIME

5:02 P.M.

That's the time former Gov. Rod Blagojevich will issue a statement to the media Wednesday outside his home in Ravenswood Manor, The Associated Press reports. Blagojevich is scheduled to start serving his 14-year Colorado prison sentence on corruption charges Thursday.



M-Rahm ready to roll on bike sharing

Chicago Tribune

The Emanuel administration has selected an Oregon-based company with operations in the U.S. and overseas to operate Chicago's first large-scale bicycle-sharing rental program starting this summer.

Alta Bicycle Share, Inc., of Portland, Ore., and its equipment manufacturer, Public Bike System Co., were chosen over two competing bids to make 3,000 bicycles available at 300 solar-powered self-service pick-up and drop-off locations this summer. The program will be expanded to 5,000 bikes and 500 docking stations by 2014, officials have said.

City Hall estimates the total capital and start-up costs at \$21 million, adding that \$18 million will be covered by federal funding aimed at improving air quality and easing traffic congestion. The remaining \$3 million will be provided by the city.

Operating costs of the bike-sharing program are expected to be paid for entirely by membership and user fees, advertising and sponsorships, with no additional cost to city taxpayers, mayoral spokesman Tom Alexander said.

HOW IT WORKS

The bike-sharing program would operate like car-sharing programs, officials have said. Program participants would pay an annual membership fee and pay no additional costs to check out bicycles for the first half hour, officials said. Visitors to the city and other one-time users could buy daily or weekly memberships. The bikes will feature multiple speeds, chain guards, fenders on both wheels, a cushioned seat and a basket, officials said.

The city received a \$4 million federal grant in December to launch the bike-sharing program as a way to reduce congestion and increase options for commuters who use public transit during part of their trips. That money will be used in the second phase of the project, Alexander said.

Mayor Emanuel is set to introduce an ordinance at Wednesday's City Council meeting seeking approval to enter into an agreement with Alta Bicycle Share, officials said.



LAZY FUNDAY

Columbia College students Kevin Burns and Kelsey Grimshaw lounge by the lakefront after class Tuesday. This week's heat wave could set temperature records for four of the next seven days. **BRIAN CASSELLA/TRIBUNE**

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1 First lady goes for the gold

First lady Michelle Obama (above) will attend the opening ceremony of the 2012 Summer Olympics in London, a White House official said Tuesday. Obama daughters Malia, 13, and Sasha, 10, will not be attending. GETTY IMAGES

2 Children's fingers found in garbage

Police in Honolulu are asking for the public's help in finding the answers to a horrible mystery: How did the fingers of a child end up in a trash bin at a housing complex last month?

3 Syrians mark day of mourning

Opposition activists declared Tuesday a day of mourning across Syria as the death toll from a year of government attacks escalates. More than 8,000 people have been killed in the Syrian conflict, said Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser, president of the U.N. General Assembly.

4 Newspaper editor arrested again

Rebekah Brooks, the former editor of the British tabloid News of the World and a close confidante of its owner, Rupert Murdoch, was re-arrested Tuesday in connection with a phone-hacking investigation, police confirmed.

5 Can anyone spare a square?

A budget battle in New Jersey's capital city of Trenton has some extremely unpleasant fallout, including a toilet paper shortage at police headquarters, fire stations, senior centers and municipal offices.

Santorum wins South

Rick Santorum won the Republican presidential primaries in Alabama and Mississippi on Tuesday, according to a projection by The Associated Press. It was too early to call the race in Hawaii.

Is work making you fat?

Women who are fed up with their jobs may be more likely to turn to food for comfort in times of stress, according to a Finnish study.

The study, reported in the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition, found that those who reported work burnout also were more likely to have a habit of "emotional" eating, or eating when stressed, anxious or down, rather than just hungry.

What's more, they were more prone to "uncontrolled" eating—the feeling that you're always hungry or can't stop eating until all the food's gone.

"Those experiencing burnout may be more vulnerable to emotional eating and uncontrolled eating and have a hindered ability to make changes in their eating behavior," wrote

Nina Nevanpera of the Finnish Institute of Occupational Health, who led the eating study.

"We recommend that burnout should be treated first and that burnout and eating behavior should be evaluated in obesity treatment."

The findings are based on 230 women ages 30 to 55 who were part of a clinical trial looking at healthy lifestyle changes. All were employed, and at the start of the trial they completed surveys on job burnout and eating habits.

Overall, 22 percent of the women had some degree of work burnout. As a group, they scored higher on measures of emotional eating and uncontrolled eating.

WHY WE EAT

"Work permeates our lives," said Sherry Pagoto, an associate professor of medicine at the University of Massachusetts Medical School and a clinician at the university's Weight Center. "People may be in a job where they're unhappy, or a marriage where they're unhappy, and eating can become one of the few pleasures in their lives."

On top of that, women who did not have job burnout at the study's onset tended to cut down on uncontrolled eating over one year. But, on average, the burnout group failed to make that change.



6 Two loggerhead sea turtles are released back into the wild Tuesday at Bill Baggs Cape Florida State Park in Key Biscayne, Fla. They underwent rehabilitation at Miami Seaquarium after they were found weak, covered in parasites and facing buoyancy issues. GETTY IMAGES

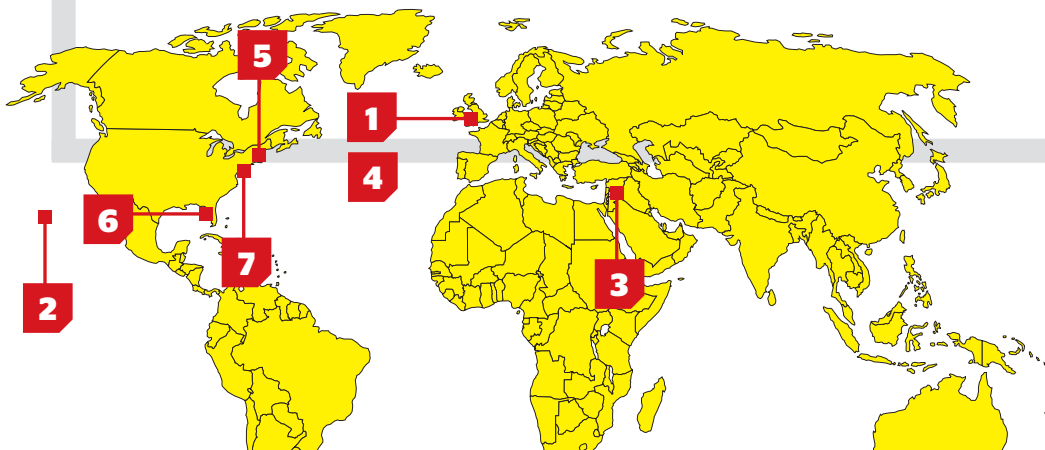
Obama: Justice for slain Afghan citizens

7 WASHINGTON President Obama promised Tuesday that a U.S. soldier's shooting rampage in Afghanistan would be investigated as if the dead were "our own citizens and our own children," and pledged a responsible end to the war in the country.

The White House said it was not reviewing options to speed up troop withdrawals from Afghanistan after the shooting and that a decision on troop numbers was not expected before a NATO summit in Chicago on May 20-21.

An unnamed U.S. soldier is accused of walking off his base in Afghanistan's Kandahar province early Sunday and killing at least 16 villagers, mostly women and children.

The incident has added to strain between the U.S. and Afghanistan when they have been trying to agree to a pact that would allow U.S. advisers and special forces to stay in Afghanistan after combat troops leave at the end of 2014.



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BULLS' MATCHUPS WITH MIAMI RECALL 1990S BATTLES WITH DETROIT

By Bryan Crawford

FOR REDEYE

The pain is still fresh for Bulls fans and players.

When the Bulls were eliminated in the Eastern Conference finals at the hands of the Miami Heat in May, Chicago's effort to end a 13-year NBA championship drought was put on hold yet again. The Bulls fielded the best team they've had since the days of Michael Jordan and Scottie Pippen, and it seemed as if that title was well within the Windy City's grasp.

But Miami changed all that.

The script is playing out much the same way this season. The Bulls and Heat again are two of the best teams in the NBA, and if they continue on their expected paths, they will do battle in the playoffs again—and for years to come.

The scenario is setting up the Bulls-Heat rivalry much like the Bulls-Detroit Pistons rivalry of the 1990s—but not as heated, yet.

Bulls TV announcer Stacey King took part in those legendary battles with the “Bad Boys” of Detroit.

“You don't see too many rivalries that marvel that type of rivalry anymore. The league has kind of gotten away from that,” said King, who played for the Bulls from 1989-94. “You're talking about two teams that really didn't like each other. We genuinely disliked Detroit, they genuinely disliked us, the cities disliked each other. So it ran a lot deeper than basketball. But with this team and Miami, there's no hatred.”

Veteran Bulls reporter and current **bulls.com** writer Sam Smith has seen both rivalries up close and said they are not the same.

“There was a genuine dislike between Chi-

“The one thing all of us understand is that Miami isn't going anywhere.”

—John Paxson, former Bulls guard

cago and Detroit that doesn't exist in the NBA pretty much anymore because of all the postgame shaking hands and hugging and all that stuff. There was no hugging between those teams,” Smith said. “When the Pistons won [an NBA championship] first and the Bulls aimed at them, there was this lingering dislike and rivalry that doesn't really exist toward Miami.”

Of course, beating each other up year after year could change all of that, and if it does, would that kind of intensity be bad for the NBA? Bulls vice president of basketball operations John Paxson, another member of those Bulls teams that faced off with the Pistons, doesn't think so.

“Back when we were battling Detroit, that was the team we had to get over, and that rivalry was born out of a number of years,” said Paxson, a Bulls guard from 1985-94. “Our rivalry with the Heat is just beginning ... but it's good and it's healthy. When we were trying to get past the Pistons, it was healthy for the league, and I think it's good for the league now too.”

“The one thing all of us understand is that Miami isn't going anywhere. They've got LeBron James, Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh. ... We have to prove year in and year out that we can compete, and that's what we're trying to

do.”

Wade, much like Detroit's Isiah Thomas before him, is a local guy whose team is standing in the way of his hometown's title chances. It's an interesting dynamic, but there seem to be subtle differences there too.

“On some levels it's similar,” Smith said. “[Wade] won when he had Shaq, but now he has a new team, and with his new team he hasn't quite succeeded yet. So I don't think these Bulls look at Wade as being on a pedestal and you have to shoot at him; I think they look at him more like an equal because he achieved when he won a title with Shaq, but he hasn't achieved otherwise.”

King considers Wade only a part-time villain to the current Bulls.

“Isiah was born and raised here, but his actions in Detroit really made him a villain,” King said. “Dwyane Wade is not that type of player. He's a great player that doesn't badmouth the hometown team, and even though he plays in Miami and the fans don't like him when we play Miami [in Chicago], he can come back home and there's a mutual respect.”

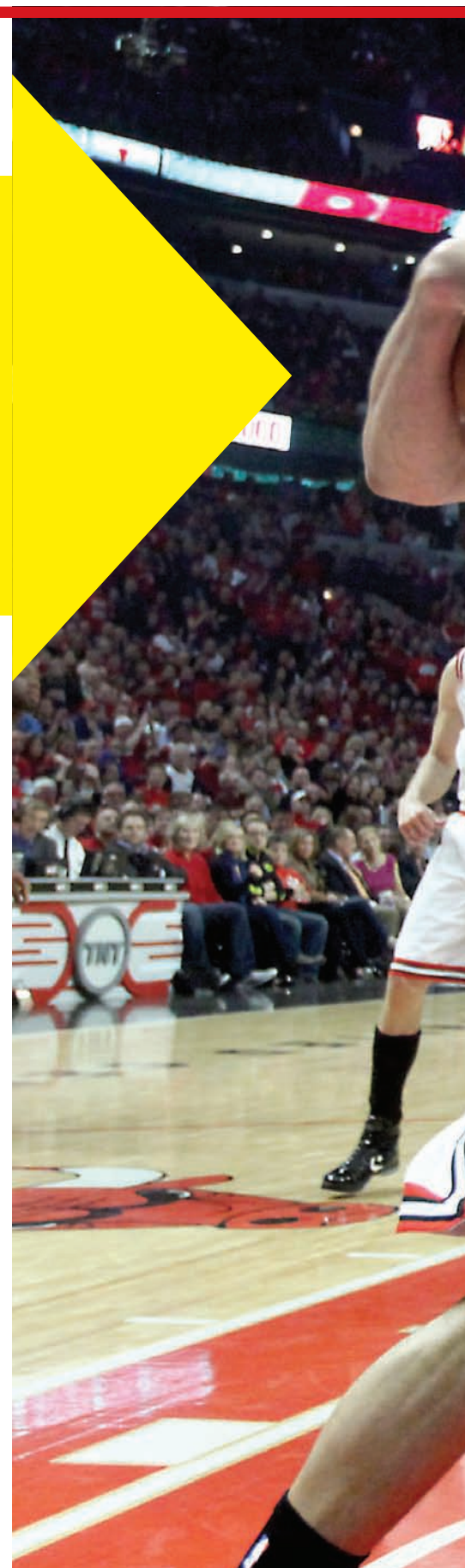
Paxson, however, does see the similarity between Wade and Thomas.

“That's a good way to look at it,” he said. “I think it makes for an interesting storyline because Isiah had our number for a while.”

But there's one thing Paxson sees that should get Bulls fans excited.

“Michael was motivated to beat [Isiah Thomas] and the Pistons, and ultimately it worked out for us,” Paxson said. “Derrick [Rose] is still a young player, but he's hungry. So I know that he's going to do everything that he possibly can to put us in a position to win [a championship].”

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Joakim Noah and the Bulls appear to be on another playoff collision course with the Miami Heat. CHRIS SWEDA/TRIBUNE FILE

Wrestling disses its women



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As a fan of professional wrestling, I often imagine what the WWE would look like today if the male Superstars were promoted the same way as the female Divas.

If you follow the current storylines in the top-rated "RAW" and "Smackdown" series, there is a significant difference in how

the two sexes are portrayed.

Consider this: Current WWE champion—and Chicago native—CM Punk is a tough-as-nails straight shooter who is one of the most popular wrestlers in the industry. He plays the part of an anti-establishment hero who thumbs his nose at authority. (This formula is what made "Stone Cold" Steve Austin so popular in the 1990s.)

On the other side of the glass ceiling you have WWE "Diva" Natalya Neidhart, the first female "third generation" wrestler with a pedigree that reaches back to the legendary Hart dynasty. She's a former women's champion and formidable athlete ... with a flatulence problem.

Seriously, she once lost a match because she passed gas while applying her finishing move—"the Sharpshooter"—which she inherited from WWE Hall of Famer Bret "The Hitman" Hart. To have it nullified by something so ludicrous was disrespectful, not only to Neidhart but also to the Hart legacy.

What I don't understand is why the WWE, a company so progressive with its branding and social media strategies, finds it so difficult to develop its female wrestlers so they are more than just pin-up models or the butt (no pun intended) of bad jokes.

Does the WWE really believe the idea of a tough female competitor is too much for modern wrestling audiences to accept? The success of action films starring women (i.e. "Underworld," "Resident Evil," "Haywire") would say otherwise.

Going back to my original question, how many T-shirts do you think the WWE would have sold if Stone Cold Steve Austin were saddled with the same gimmick? Would he have become the top Superstar of the 1990s if his catchphrase had been "Austin 3:16 means I just passed gas"?

Yeah, that's what I thought.

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Deng likely, Rose out?

Luol Deng participated fully in Tuesday's practice and, barring a setback at Wednesday's shoot-around, will return to face Miami after missing two games to rest his ailing left wrist. Derrick Rose, however, sat with what sources said is soreness in the groin area that needed an MRI exam Tuesday and could sideline him Wednesday.

"I want to see how he feels after practicing, but he went through everything and felt pretty good," coach Tom Thibodeau said.

Deng, who tore a ligament Jan. 21 and opted against surgery, sat after logging close to 85 minutes in last week's back-to-back games at Milwaukee and against Orlando. The Bulls have five more sets of back-to-back games, and sources said management has talked about limiting his workload in those situations.

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1 Make a prediction about Wednesday night's Bulls-Heat game.

As on "The Bachelor," a Rose is better than a threesome.

Wade goes off, Rose responds, and Bulls win off a last-min rally.

Unlike ABC's "The Bachelor," all the ladies on the Heat will get a Rose.

LeBron will mug. Wade will smile. Rose will dominate. Bulls will win.

Carlos Boozer will put forth all his effort on D this time. Maybe even jump.

2 The Bulls-Heat rivalry is like ...

... a reminder that not only Kourtney and Khloe can take Miami.

... the Bulls-Pistons rivalry. (Hear me out.) The Bulls don't have the last piece yet.

... John Cena and the Rock at WrestleMania!

... almost as crazy as Aussie Football's Carlton-Collingwood rival. Now that's pure insanity!

... the one-sided "war" that will be the robotic overthrow of mankind! BWAHAHAHAHAHA!

3 What kind of chants will United Center fans have for Miami?

No need to bash since they've got Bosh. U-G ...

"Bleeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeep!"

Let's just say with all our chants, the Heat won't have a chance.

Just vulgar enough to keep things interesting.

[Bleep], [bleep], [bleeepy, bleep bleep]. Oh, sorry, I was just powering up.

4 How did you celebrate the Blackhawks signing Daniel Carcillo for two more seasons?

Not with Daniel Carcillo.

I'm starting a fight with the next person I see! Oh, and boozing.

Knee surgery. Sorry, I hurt myself after taking that cheap shot at Carcillo.

Dreamed about Carcillo getting back on the ice and immediately roughing up the creepy Sedin twins.

I flashed his iPhone.

5 Jake Peavy looks shaky in spring training. Any reason for concern?

We can all hope for some flies with that shake.

He's been pitching with one arm for five years at this point, so why worry now?

Shaky has always described his pitching mechanics. At least everything is still attached.

Yes! After all, a healthy and effective Jake Peavy is key to the White Sox's 65-win season.

Until his cyborg parts are completely installed, he'll never be the pitcher he once was.

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WHAT A CATCH

BEARS TRADE FOR MIAMI WIDE RECEIVER BRANDON MARSHALL

RedEye

The Bears finally have that No. 1 wide receiver fans have been wanting for years. On Tuesday, the Bears traded two third-round draft picks for Brandon Marshall, quarterback Jay Cutler's former Denver Broncos teammate. The move was met with near unanimous cheers.

Marshall, 27, is 6-foot-4 and gives Cutler a big target and playmaker.

So why is Marshall such a big deal? Check him out compared with the Bears' top receivers.



Brandon Marshall
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Marshall's money

Here's what Brandon Marshall is owed by the Bears over the next three seasons, according to the Tribune.

- » 2012 base salary \$9.3 million; 2011 workout bonus \$200,000
- » 2013 base salary \$9.1 million; 2012 workout bonus \$200,000
- » 2014 base salary \$9.1 million; 2013 workout bonus \$200,000

More Bears moves

» In an effort to avoid last season's debacle at backup quarterback, the Bears signed Jason Campbell to be Jay Cutler's backup.

» The Bears got a head start on free agency Tuesday by snagging one of their own before he hit the market at 4 p.m., agreeing to terms on a two-year deal with cornerback Tim Jennings. "I'm happy. I'm satisfied," Jennings said.

» The Bears have set their sights on former Jaguar defensive end Jeremy Mincey and are moving to try to secure a deal. The 28-year-old had eight sacks and was productive against the run for the Jaguars last season.

81

Number of receptions Marshall had last season, 10th in the NFL.

52

Number of receptions Matt Forte had last season for the Bears, 59th in the NFL.

1,214

Number of receiving yards Marshall compiled last season, 10th in the NFL.

727

Number of receiving yards Johnny Knox had last season for the Bears, 52nd in the NFL.

75.9

Marshall's average yards per game last season, 13th in the NFL.

51.9

Knox's average yards per game last season, 47th in the NFL.

20

Number of catches of 20 yards or more Marshall had last season, eighth in the NFL.

12

Number of catches of 20 yards or more Knox had last season, 40th in the NFL.

6

Touchdowns Marshall scored last season, 33rd in the league.

5

Touchdowns Kellen Davis scored last season, 46th in the league.



Early NCAA bracket buster

If you've already filled out your NCAA Tournament bracket, you might want to tear it up and try again. Syracuse, many people's pick to reach the championship game, announced Tuesday that sophomore center **Fab Melo** has been ruled ineligible for the tournament.



'The Kid' set for another comeback

The daily Sidney Crosby updates, which have read "out" for months, suddenly screamed "in" on Tuesday. Crosby, who hasn't played for the Penguins since Dec. 5, is scheduled to hit the ice Thursday when Pittsburgh faces the N.Y. Rangers. "I feel good and the plan is to play Thursday," Crosby, 24, said after practice Tuesday. Welcome back—again.



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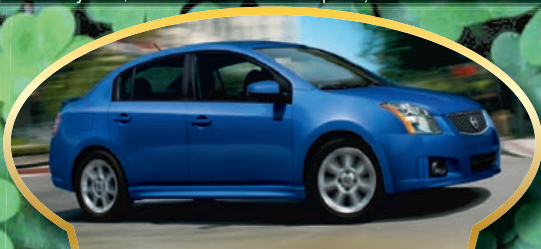
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Whiskey-powered roots-rock outfit Dastardly dares to embrace the focus of a variety show

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Roots-rock quintet Dastardly kicks like a dingy, unbroken mule on its latest EP, "Bury Me in the Country," a whiskey-fueled hootenanny that opens with the off-the-rails and appropriately titled "Freight Train"—and never lets up on the relentless pace.

Last fall, Dastardly staged an old-time variety show at the Hideout, inviting local comedians onstage to perform between songs. The "Grand Ole Opry" format proved to be a success, and the group has been asked to put on a handful of similarly minded shows each year, including its current one, dubbed "Megachurch." RedEye talked with frontman Gabe Liebowitz, 24, of Wicker Park, about "Megachurch," the new EP and being a double-decker bus tour guide.

Can you start by telling me about the variety show you guys are putting on at the Hideout?

I had this idea to do a variety show because we're friends with a lot of great comedians in town ... and I really liked the idea of combining the music scene and the comedy scene. We were actually playing a lot of variety shows, like "Entertaining Julia" at Town Hall Pub. With those shows, people were sitting down and paying attention and taking everything in. It was a lot different from shows in music venues where the etiquette is you drink and you talk loudly over the band.

I imagine people would have a hard time drowning you out these days. "Bury Me in the Country" is significantly rowdier than your debut.

Absolutely. We're super proud of the debut, but we'd only been together five or six months when we recorded it. The main critique we got ... was that it was good, but it didn't capture our live sound. So when we got back from a tour, we took a couple days off and went to the Rumble Arts Center

to record. We brought a big ol' handle of whiskey, let the tapes roll and chose our five rowdiest songs.

Did you take your band name at least in part from Dick Dastardly?

[Laughs.] Not really. It was more the definition of Dastardly, which is "evil coward." That really appealed to me. The Dick Dastardly imagery definitely does appear—like the whole Snidely Whiplash, tied-down-to-the-railroad-tracks thing—in our videos and in the lyrical content.

Lyrical, it sounds like you're aiming to write songs that don't belong to a certain point in time.

I really spend a lot of time examining lyrics of traditional folk songs and Carter Family and old Delta blues recordings from the '20s and '30s because it's something so ancient and timeless that there's almost something holy about it. I've really tried to emulate that imagery ... and tried to get rid of any sense of time.



GABE LIEBOWITZ PERSONALITY TEST



What's the last album you bought?
Grimes, "Visions"

Song you've listened to on repeat recently?
"Monkberry Moon Delight" by Paul McCartney

Song you never want to hear again?
Let me cue this up because I just listened to it and I never want to hear it again. Steel Panther, "Death to All But Metal."

New band you don't know personally that deserves to be big? There's this

group called Sleepover from Austin. She does really creepy music that I'm surprised more people haven't caught up on.



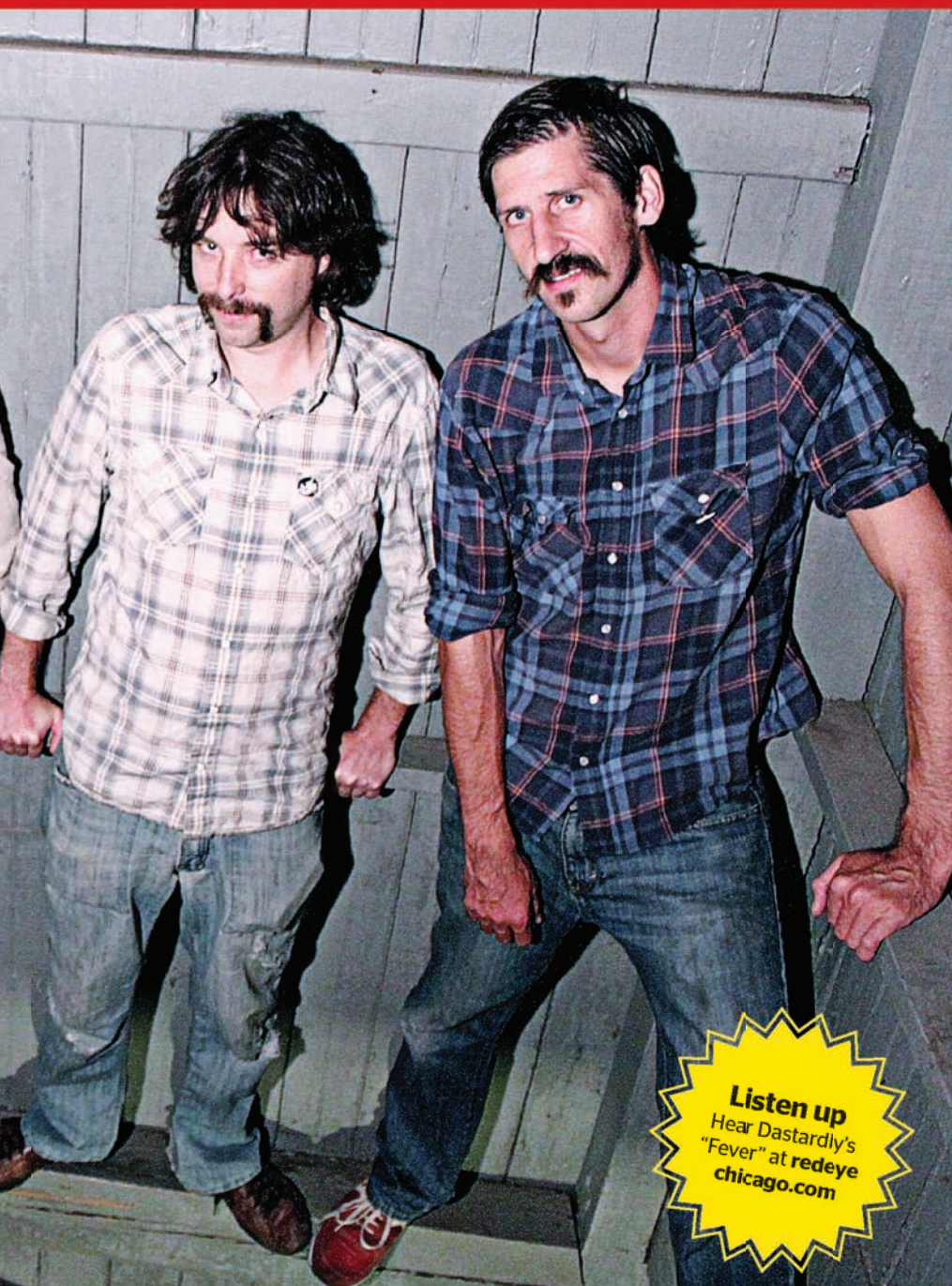
Favorite movie ever?
That's probably "Hedwig and the Angry Inch."

Chicago's best music venue?
Right now I gotta go with Lincoln Hall. The sound is phenomenal, it's such a beautiful

room and the staff is great.

You worked as a double-decker bus tour guide for years. What was your favorite Chicago-related story to share with tourists?

Ohhh, I had so many cheesy jokes I loved telling. When we'd go by the Sears Tower back when it was still called the Sears Tower,



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I would say, "The Sears Tower has 110 floors, 104 working elevators and only one bathroom."

What kind of response did you get?

Sometimes bewilderment and sometimes blank stares because they did not speak English.

I've read you're obsessed with the Muppets.

I am. You've done your homework.

Which Muppet do you identify most closely with?

Oh, wow. That's an incredible question. I've never really thought about that. I'd have to say Kermit, and I know it's an obvious, boring answer, but Kermit is the leader of a motley crew of zany people, and he's trying to do whatever he can to make everyone happy and make everything go OK.

Considering the variety show you guys are staging, I'm wondering if you've actually ever done any stand-up.

I have not.

Any plans to?

I really want to show up at a comedy open mic and sing "My Way" by Frank Sinatra, but be accompanied by a really crappy midi file and sing along to that the whole way through.

So when do you make your debut?

Oh man, I guess I'd have to be dared to do it. If you're officially daring me, I can make it happen.

Let's call it a dare then.

All right. I'll keep you updated on the premiere of "Man Sings 'My Way.'"

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Matthew Vasquez of Delta Spirit
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Delta's spirit missing

By Emily Van Zandt

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On its third full-length album, California indie rock band Delta Spirit sounds ... different. The

group's old Americana twang has been shed in favor of a heavy dose of ambient guitar. I fell in love with the band's "Friday Night Lights"-approved track "Devil Knows Your Dead," and I just couldn't find a moment that equaled that on the new self-titled release. But it wasn't all bad. Follow along with my track-by-track breakdown.

"Empty House": Line I had to rewind for: "Copper pipe is worth more than you think." Real talk, guys. Copper theft is a big issue.

"Tear It Up": Oh, you're going to say "just tear it up" over and over? Skip.

"California": Delta Spirit used to have a lilting, stripped down, Fleet Fox-y thing going on. But this album is starting to feel like they hijacked a few new members from My Morning Jacket and Explosions in the Sky.

"Idaho": "Yeah we'll hang low/ Like they do it out in Idaho." Having never been to Idaho,

Delta Spirit
Delta Spirit



I cannot speak to the accuracy of these lyrics.

"Home": Dark, relatively stripped down. Matthew Vasquez's nasally vocals (think Bob Dylan) really shine here. I mean this as a compliment. Favorite track so far. Probably because it sounds like something off a "Friday Night Lights" episode.

"Otherside": I was fully expecting to ignore this track, but it has a fun, '60s rock vibe to it. Approved.

"Tellin' the Mind": What is this yelling and anger, boys? Where did this come from? Did you go through a delayed punk-appreciation phase?

"Time Bomb": Too distracted by "Grandpa reviews Delta Spirit" video on YouTube. He thought "California" was pretty good.

"Into the Darkness": Possible driving music for when you're headed to a chill drum circle sesh in like, Asheville, N.C.

"Money Saves": Second track I fully approve of. Loving the harmonies. Tolerating the ambient guitar builds.

"Yamaha": Once again we've gone garage rock. Whatever. I guess raging for a minute at a Delta Spirit show wouldn't be terrible.

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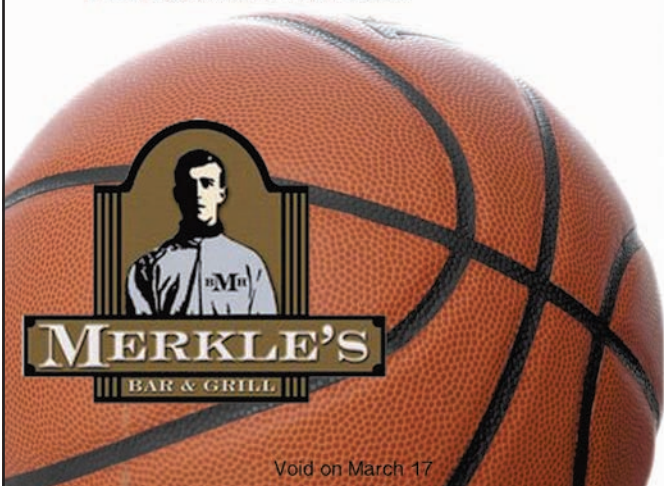
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Tripel threat

Old-school Belgian beer stands test of time

Chicago Tribune

Mediocre beers occasionally garner hype from beer geeks who stand in line for hours, or scour eBay, to procure them for their cellars, but world-class beers don't always attract attention. Sometimes great beers don't get their due simply because they've been excellent for decades.

Take the tripel, a sweet, complex variety that originated in Belgium more than 75 years ago. If you popped open a bottle of Westmalle Tripel in 1956 and one today, you'd find nary a difference between them. Both beers would be golden yellow, with a lemon, biscuit and apricot-tinged aroma and an elegant, complex flavor that brings to mind hay, honey, dried apricots and a bready, yeasty note.

Virtually nothing has changed because, quite simply, the monks who produce the beer at the Trappist Abbey of Westmalle haven't needed to alter anything, says Philippe Van Assche, Westmalle's director. "We're very satisfied with what we have," he says.

Maintaining consistency has worked, because their beer is widely regarded as one of the world's great brews. In 1934, Westmalle created the strong, golden ale that later became known as tripel, and, in doing so, created the template for the style.

The beer's creation story is straightforward: Westmalle crafted the beer because it could. Belgium was in the midst of prohibition, which barred the production of spirits, but not beer. That meant brewers could garner the market share previously controlled by distillers by producing more alcoholic beers that could take the place of spirits, Van Assche says.

When the monks opened their new brewery, they decided to celebrate. They used roughly triple the amount of malted barley they added to their everyday ale to make a big beer, hence the name tripel. Westmalle's brewers tweaked the recipe for the next 22 years before settling on the current formula which is made only of water, malted barley, Belgian candy sugar, hops and yeast.

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BURGER REVIEW

Au Cheval

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Cheval, a diner of sorts on Randolph Street from local restaurateur Brendan Sodikoff. While I found the tufted leather booths, dim lighting and lack of neon confusing at first, the presence of not one but two burgers on the menu quickly put me at ease.

The burger: What a pleasant surprise to find that my single cheeseburger (\$9.95) arrived with two 6-ounce griddled patties, while the double cheeseburger (\$11.95) arrived with three. I tip my hat to the chef for the extra beefiness, though I wish each moist patty had packed a bit more salt and seasoning. Pressed thin in the classic diner style, the patties retained an impressive juiciness even when cooked through.

The bun: The brioche bun is a weary warrior, fighting to stand up to the onslaught of juice produced by two or three patties. Eventually, though, both top and bottom buns abandon their heroic quest and beg me to go on eating the burger without their limp assistance.

The fixings: Melty cheddar and Dijon mayonnaise result in slippery, sloppy goodness. Pickles are abundant, with sweet bread-and-butter chips providing a slight crunch to the burger, while a spear on the side counters with some needed acidity. I did find myself pining for the crispness of a lettuce leaf.

Hailing from the land of culinary refinement that is New Jersey, the Great Burgerelli spent many formative burger-consuming years perched atop a diner stool. From this vantage point, I became an expert on the anatomy of a properly thin griddled burger, and also learned to appreciate my satisfied reflection in the gleam of a chrome jukebox. But there is neither chrome nor a Bruce Springsteen soundtrack at Au



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Everything else: Crispy fries with aioli (\$6.50) are, I am told, the same addictive variety as those at Sodikoff's other establishments, Maude's and Gilt Bar. Not realizing that pickles would arrive both on and beside my burger, I foolishly ordered a side of bread-and-butter pickles for \$4. One would be better off putting those dollars toward the libational curiosity that is The Pickle-back (\$6.50), a shot of whiskey and pickle brine that made my mustache quiver, though pleasantly so.

Bottom line: To reinterpret a "diner" as a restaurant so stylish requires boldness on Au Cheval's part, but unfortunately, this vigor does not extend to the patty's flavor or the bun's fortitude. A price tag of close to \$20 for a burger and fries is tougher to swallow than a too-thick milkshake.

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Parody show creators
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By Julia Borcherts

FOR REDEYE

Perhaps you're one of the millions who watched videos from TED Talks, the Silicon Valley super-conference where "ideas worth spreading" are disseminated by luminaries such as Al Gore, Steve Jobs and J.K. Rowling.

In response to these attempts to smarten us up, comedians Kellen Alexander, 27, and Seth Dodson, 29, joined forces in March 2011 to host "NEDTalks: Spreading Worthless Ideas," a TED Talks parody in which local comedians aim to dumb you down with speeches, pie charts and crayon drawings about ridiculous topics such as "How Skipping Breakfast Can Be Good for Hunger."

We checked in to find out more about their upcoming fifth NEDTalks mini-conference.

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Kellen Alexander (left) and Seth Dodson
ZACH DODSON

What's the inspiration behind these NEDTalks shows?

Kellen Alexander: We are stupid. The only thing we really know for sure is that we will never be smart. Since we'll never be able to give a TED Talk, we figured why not make up our own version where we can talk about what we are experts in: absolutely nothing.

What can people expect to see at NEDTalks?

KA: PowerPoint presentations that look like they were made by a third-grader in 1998.

Seth Dodson: Lectures and presentations on topics that range from idiotic to moronic, but will be funny.

In addition to comedians, you're bringing in an actual guest expert?

KA: Yes! We have Craig Hogan, the director of the Fermilab Center for Particle Astro-

physics. He's an actual expert who is trying to prove that the 3-D universe in which we appear to live is [in fact] a hologram—which I think means we're living on a giant Pokémon card!

Where did you find him?

KA: I actually met him at a New Year's Eve party.

What are your own nerd credentials?

SD: I'm really into "Magic: The Gathering"—the fantasy trading-card game—and am trying to lead a revival of it by bringing my cards everywhere I go. So far, it isn't working.

KA: I did the three nerdiest activities at the country's nerdiest school: I played French horn, ran cross country and did improv comedy, all at the University of Chicago.

What's the worst conference you've ever attended?

SD: Probably one about theater in Texas while I was in college. When you combine big hair and Broadway, you can count on being bored!

KA: I think the only conference I've ever been to was a Youth Gathering for Lutherans. All I remember is that our church skipped out on participating in all of the service projects. I'm an atheist now.

You also perform separately and together in several comedy shows around town. Where do you go for inspiration?

SD: The Lucky Horseshoe, Bravo TV and the wig shop.

What's been the high point of your careers so far?

SD: Winning the Whistler Talent Show with our fake ghost-hunting act was a surprising moment, for sure.

KA: Anytime I get to work with the people I've always looked up to is a high point for me.

SD: Winning "Impress These Apes" was a highlight for me.

And the low point?

KA: I'll admit I was pretty bummed when I didn't make a Harold team at iO the first two times I tried—and then even more bummed when I didn't make an Incubator team at The Playground. I got off to a very slow start.

SD: No matter how much I drink, I don't think I've hit it quite yet.

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- Project X (R) ♦ 2:30,4:50,7:30,9:55
- Tyler Perry's Good Deeds (PG-13) ♦ 1:45,4:25,7:05,9:40
- Dr. Seuss' the Lorax 3D (PG) 2:00,7:20
- Silent House (R) 2:40,5:20,7:45,9:55
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- Journey 2: The Mysterious Island (PG) 10:15,12:35,2:55,5:15,7:35
- Project X (R) 10:00,12:20,2:50,5:20,8:00,10:30
- Tyler Perry's Good Deeds (PG-13) 10:45,1:40,4:30,7:30,10:35
- Act of Valor (R) 10:40,1:35,4:35,7:35,10:35
- Chronicle (PG-13) 10:50,1:30,4:05,7:00,9:35
- Dr. Seuss' the Lorax 3D (PG) ♦ 11:30,1:10,2:10,3:45,4:50,7:40,9:00,10:05
- Gone (PG-13) 10:00 P.M.
- Silent House (R) ♦ 10:30,12:50,3:20,5:50,8:30,11:00
- A Thousand Words (PG-13) ♦ 10:20,1:00,3:50,6:30,9:30
- Dr. Seuss' the Lorax (PG) ♦ 10:35,11:00,1:40,4:20,6:35,7:10,9:50
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- Project X (R) 1:20,3:50,6:20,8:50,11:00
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- Silent House (R) 1:10,3:30,5:40,7:50,10:10
- Friends With Kids (R) 1:30,4:20,7:10,10:00
- John Carter (PG-13) 5:50 P.M.
- Project X (R) 2:10,3:50,5:30,8:00,10:20
- Dr. Seuss' the Lorax (PG) 2:50,5:10,7:40
- Gone (PG-13) 1:20
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- Hugo 3D (PG) 1:05,4:05,7:05,10:05
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- Tyler Perry's Good Deeds (PG-13) 1:10,2:10,4:00,5:00,6:50,7:50,9:30,10:30
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- John Carter 3D (PG-13) ♦ 12:30,1:20,3:30,4:20,6:30,7:20,9:30,10:20
- Dr. Seuss' the Lorax (PG) ♦ (Closed caption) 1:40,4:10,6:40
- Project X (R) ♦ (Closed caption) 2:20,5:15,7:50,10:15
- Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance 3D (PG-13) 11:15 P.M.
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- This Means War (PG-13) 11:35,2:05
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Whose bubble will pop?

Ratings-challenged shows waiting for ax

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Is it any wonder so many TV fans have a fear of commitment? You form a strong bond with a particular show and then ... poof, it goes AWOL.

This is the time of year when anxiety really sets in for some viewers. Networks are in the thick of their development season, shooting new drama and comedy pilots, and something

has to give. To make room for the fresh inventory, certain ratings-challenged shows will get the boot. That means these shows, for now, find themselves precariously perched on the "bubble"—waiting to see if they'll live or die.

Of course, not all of them are worth fretting over. Take, for example, NBC's dreadful "Are You There Chelsea?" and Fox's "I Hate My Teenage Daughter." Buh-bye.

But a handful of good shows don't deserve to live in protracted fear of cancellation. With that in mind, here's a list of bubble shows I don't want to see go "pop."



Community NBC

When NBC left this college comedy off its midseason schedule, the show's small but fiercely loyal band of fans nearly staged a riot. And who can blame them? The world should not be deprived of Troy and Abed, or the rest of the kooky gang and all their pop-culture references and outlandish parodies. "Community" finally returns this week, and we can only hope that more viewers rally around the show.



Cougar Town ABC

We let out a big cheer when the wine-guzzling cul-de-sac crew recently returned from an excruciatingly long hiatus. But that joy was somewhat offset by the show's lackluster ratings. It's hard to figure out why more people aren't drawn to this hilarious Courteney Cox comedy, which features one of the best ensembles in prime time and has so many witty things to say about adult relationships.

Nikita The CW

No series provides more thrills per minute than this underappreciated kick-butt action show. From Season 1 to 2, it has reinvented itself while mixing in more romance with all the roundhouse kicks. It's a full-throttle escapist pleasure. Unfortunately, it's also stranded on Friday nights and with a network where it doesn't really fit in.



Parenthood NBC

Like the late, great "Friday Night Lights," this show's writers and actors have an uncanny ability to touch nerves and pinpoint the emotional truths in everyday interactions. They know how to keep it real.

Alcatraz Fox

OK, so maybe this mystery-thriller from J.J. Abrams didn't quite capture the same island magic as "Lost." And maybe it leans a little too much toward crime-procedural formula. But there's some spooky intrigue still to be wrung from this rookie series.

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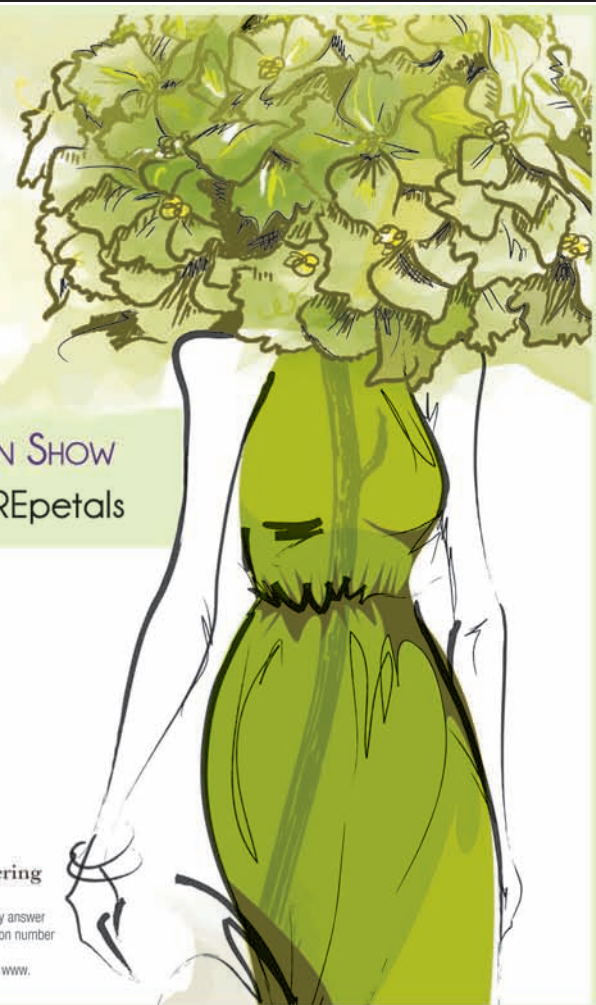
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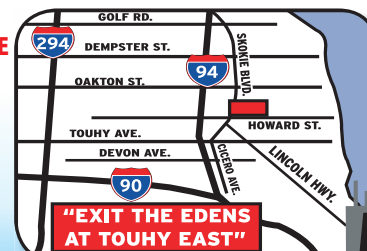
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"Journey." This downloadable title, which involves guiding a nameless robed figure to a pyramid in the desert, thumbs its nose at almost every existing convention of modern video games—things such as narrative, character and action—and instead uses a minimalist approach to design and graphics to create a truly transcendent experience. The game is very short at about two hours, but "Journey" is a classic case of quality over quantity.

THREE TO PLAY

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Unit 13

PS Vita

On one
hand, "Unit
13" is one of
the best military shoot-
ers to ever appear on a
handheld system, if not
the best. On the other

hand, that's not saying a whole lot. Zipper Interactive made a wise decision and opted for a game that feels like "Call of Duty" combined with "Angry Birds," using short, bite-size missions that award you stars based on your performance instead of long, story-driven levels. But while it controls well and cooperative play is nice, the enemy A.I. is wonky and the whole experience ends up feeling bland and inessential.



MLB 2K12

PlayStation 3,
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inherent to
the game
of baseball; hitting a
round ball with a round
bat is no easy feat.

Maybe that's why the makers of "MLB 2K12" made the act of playing their video game so difficult, to reproduce the rigors of the sport they are simulating. But the problem with making the act of hitting a home run so profoundly difficult is, well, the game ends up being not much fun to play. "MLB 2K12" is a championship-worthy sim full of incredible lifelike detail, but as an accessible video game, it's stuck in the minor leagues.

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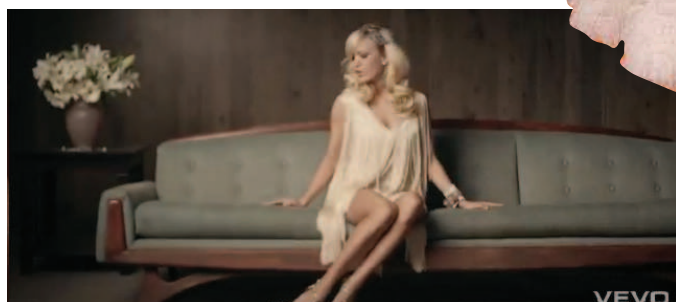
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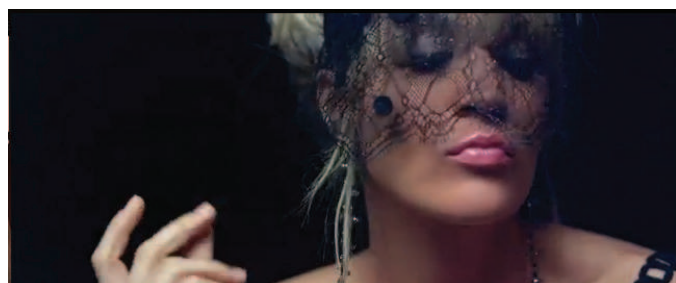
Stand aside, Kelly Clarkson. **Carrie Underwood** is stepping up for the title of most fashion-able “American Idol” winner. In her new video for “Good Girl,” the blonde bombshell shows off not one, not two, but seven different outfits in an angel vs. devil scheme. Here’s our sartorial take on Carrie’s croon-worthy outfits—plus a few blink-and-you’ll-miss-them details.

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Seventh heaven



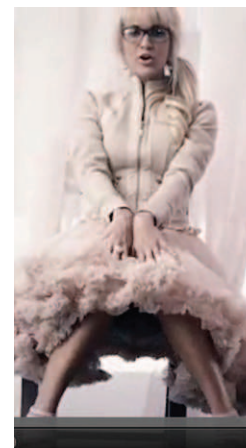
1 Flapper tassels are a few seasons ago, but we can’t argue with a giant bejeweled bow.



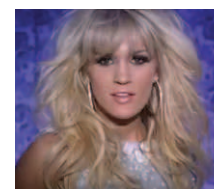
2 Why aren’t veils more popular these days? We can’t tell whether Carrie’s in mourning or about to kick some butt. The super-long cross earrings are a clever touch.



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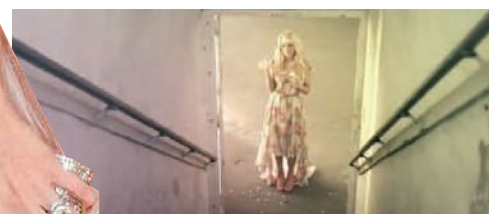
3 Movies such as “She’s All That” taught us that a hot girl is easily disguised by giant nerd glasses, but Carrie’s sending us mixed signals with her manic pixie dream girl skirt. Paired with a leather jacket, it’s perfect.



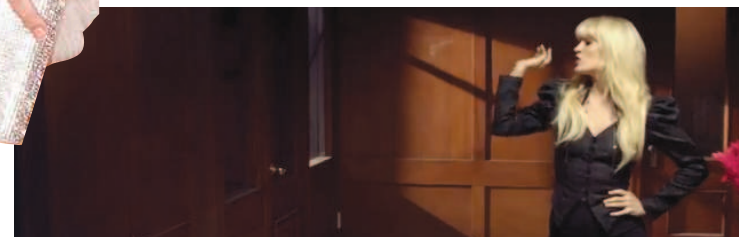
4 Helloooo Tanya Tucker ‘80s coif! We hope somebody bought stock in Aqua Net, because it’s going to be a very, very large hair day.



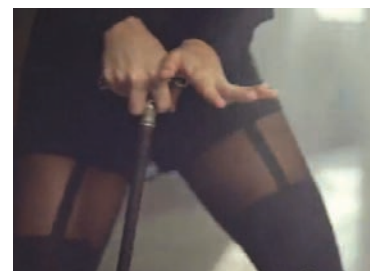
5 Little Red Riding Hood meets Snow White? When you’re throwing open large doors, it’s best to have very flowy hair and garments to set the mood. As Tim Gunn would say, Carrie on.



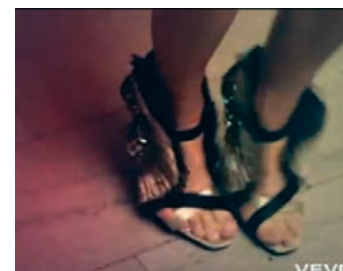
6 Oh hey, it’s just me, locked in this basement wearing a flowery dress. Where’d I get this daisy I’m picking? Some twittering birds brought it to me, silly!



7 Lady Gaga called—she wants her giant shoulder pads back. Or is this jacket left over from Britney Spears’ Circus tour. Either way, we dig the bangs.



8 We’re still unsure how we feel about this whole “pantyhose that looks like your garters are showing” trend. Real garters are supposed to be a sexy accident—and by “accident” we mean “woman who knows exactly what she’s doing”—so maybe this is just the next stage?



9 Presenting the most magical shoes in the history of the 21st century. We don’t know how well they hold up to water, but Carrie can afford to hire someone to carry her over puddles in these bad boys.

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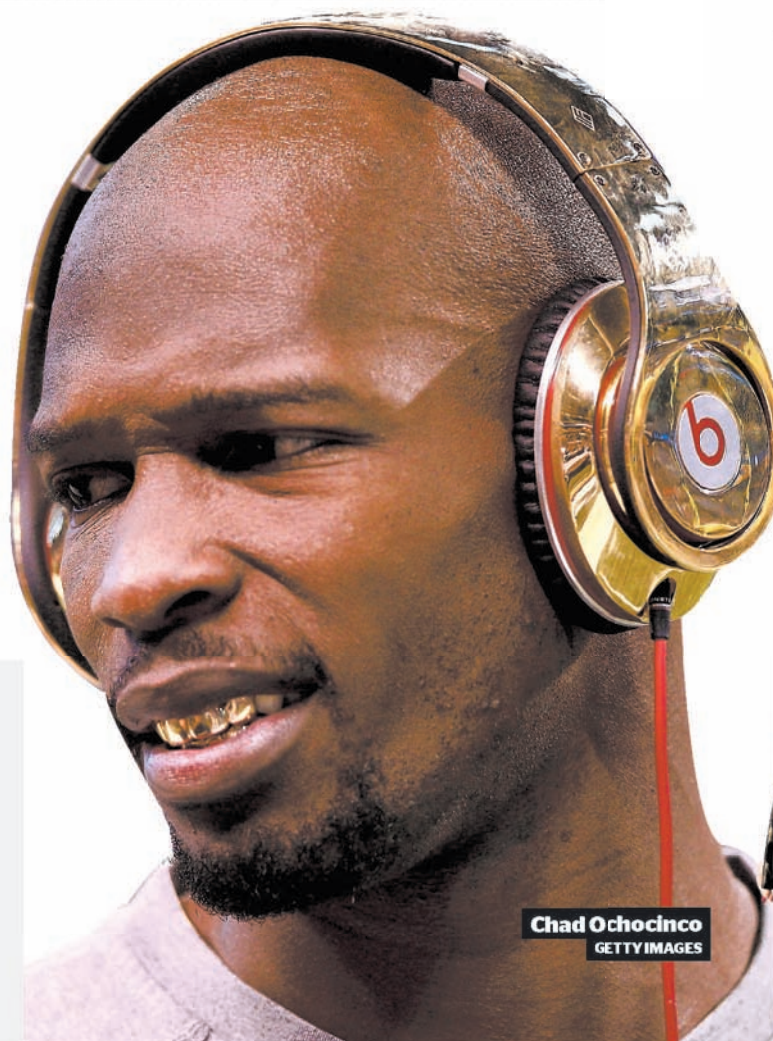
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Great Scot!

What's that line in "Braveheart"? "They may take our lives, but they'll never take ... our TV rights!" Something like that. Anywho, a production company is giving William Wallace, the Scottish legend portrayed by Mel Gibson in the 1995 movie, the TV biopic treatment, **thr.com** reports. Good luck finding an actor who can rock the hair like Gibson did.

CHECK, PLEASE

Sometimes it pays to follow celebrities on Twitter. Or, more accurately, it feeds. NFL receiver Chad Ochocinco tweeted Monday night that he would buy dinner for the first 200 people to show up at a Harlem restaurant, **people.com** reports. A half-hour later there was a line around the corner. Well, that's a creative way to keep the fans happy.



Chad Ochocinco
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Truly TMI

Entering what must be her seventh trimester by now, Jessica Simpson took a break from scarfing down buttered Pop-Tarts to talk to Ryan Seacrest on his radio show Tuesday about—parental warning!—her overpowering sex drive. "I am definitely 'feeling intimate,'" she said. "I'm kind of unstoppable right now. The Big O is like, the biggest O ever!"



Jessica Simpson
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Leighton Meester
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"I don't want to hang out with some guy I just like."

—Leighton Meester, to Marie Claire, on relationships. "I never had a boyfriend until I was 18," she said, according to **cbsnews.com**. "It's nice, I guess—when you like them. But it isn't the most important thing. I'm not sure I ever want to get married."



Questions for Q

Maggie Q will headline the "Nikita" contingent coming to the C2E2 conference April 13-15 at McCormick Place. Q plays the title character in the series, about a rogue spy who is out to stop the secret agency that turned her into a killer. During a panel April 14, Q and creator/executive producer Craig Silverstein will share insider secrets about what to expect in the final episodes of Season 2.

THE DIGIT

3.6 MILLION

HBO's "Game Change," about Sen. John McCain and 2008 campaign running mate Sarah Palin, drew 3.6 million viewers over four weekend airings, **ew.com** reports. It's the network's most-watched original movie in 8 years.

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